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Dear Parents/Carers,

Impetigo Case in Reception

We have been made aware by a parent in Reception that their child has been diagnosed with impetigo. Impetigo is a **highly contagious** bacterial skin infection causing blisters and sores. Impetigo mainly affects children, often on the face, especially around the nose and mouth, and sometimes on the arms or legs.

Although this infection is not usually serious, it will get worse if it is not treated with antibiotics. It often gets better in 7 to 10 days of treatment, and stops being contagious 48 hours after you start using the medicine your GP prescribed.

Impetigo starts with red sores or blisters, meaning that it can be mistaken for chickenpox. The blisters quickly burst and leave crusty, golden-brown patches. These patches can:

- look a bit like cornflakes stuck to your skin
- get bigger
- spread to other parts of your body
- be itchy
- sometimes be painful

If you suspect that your child may have impetigo, please contact your doctor immediately. Due to the highly contagious nature of the infection you should check with the GP before you go in to the practice. They may suggest a phone consultation to avoid spreading the infection at the surgery.

Kind regards,

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